The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

July 31, 2016

Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily:	**Monday** *(Madonna)*	**7:00 P.M.**
	Tuesday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
	Wednesday *(Madonna)*	**8:00 A.M.**
	Thursday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
	Friday *(Madonna)*	**8:00 A.M.**
	Saturday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
Saturday Vigil *(Madonna)*		**4:00 P.M.**
Saturday Vigil *(Word of God)*		**6:00 P.M.**
Sunday *(Word of God)*		**9:00 A.M.**
Sunday *(Madonna)*		**11:00 A.M.**

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule

PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Lynam ..... *Pastor*
Keith Kondrich ..... *Deacon*
Ron Demblowski ..... *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*
Edward Kapsha ..... *Madonna Music Director*
Michael Burke ..... *Word of God Music Director*
Kelly James ..... *Madonna Parish Secretary*
Karen Flynn ..... *Word of God Parish Secretary*
Marcia Murello ..... *Coordinator of Religious Ed.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon
(Word of God church)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment at least
6 months before the wedding

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available after Mass
and upon request

CONTACT INFORMATION

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East Catholic School 412-351-5403
2001 Ardmore B1vd., Pgh., PA 15221
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM ..... *Principal*
School Website ..... www.eastcatholicschool.org

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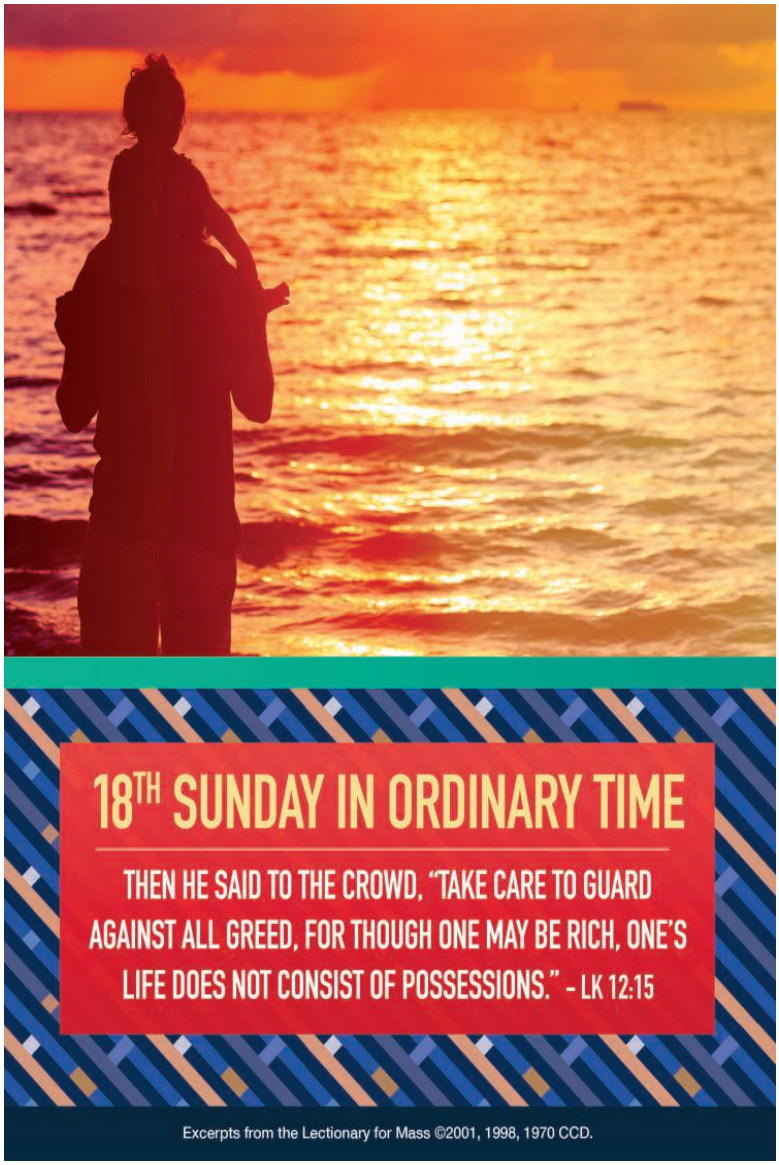

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you to all who contributed to the reception for Fr. Michael McDermott. We are grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to all who helped or participated in Madonna's festival. God has truly blessed us.

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Readings for Sunday, August 7

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9…The Jewish Passover was a time of hope for God to rescue them from their difficult situations.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19…Abraham's faith and trust in God enabled him to believe and do what God told him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48…"You also must be prepared for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Question for reflection: How ready or prepared are you for Jesus' second coming?

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil - July 30
4:00 PM Fr. Michael McDermott's 50th Ordination Anniversary (Lisa Haydu)
6:00 PM In Memory of Ruth, George & Mary Ellen Kasardo (Carol & Tim Brush)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31
9:00 AM For the People
11:00 AM Dorothy Switala Brenchak (Ryan Wilson)

Monday - August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori
7:00 PM Mario DePasquale (Sister, Carmella Coyne)

Tuesday - August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard
9:30 AM Ann Hardy (Daughter, Darlene)

Wednesday - August 3
8:00 AM Ben Cuccaro Family (Florence Petrichko)

Thursday - August 4 - St. John Vianney
9:30 AM Mary Burkhart (Family)

First Friday - August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
8:00 AM Kitty Battaglia (Jim & Eileen DePerna)

First Saturday - August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
9:30 AM Sophie Fazio (Women of the Bible Pageant)
3:00 PM Wedding—Paul R. Maenner Jr. & Jennifer L. Stepien

Saturday - August 6 - Vigil
4:00 PM Clarence & Florence Matvya (Joe Sepesy)
6:00 PM Ilario Dichiera (Wife Teresa & Family)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 7
9:00 AM Norm DeLuca, Birthday (Wife & Family)
11:00 AM In Honor of Madonna del Castello

THIS WEEK

Sunday - 2nd Collection - St. Vincent de Paul
Collection of Food for Swissvale Food Pantry

Tuesday
7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna

Wednesday
10:30 AM Legion of Mary - Dattilo Hall
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM - Summer Scripture Sharing Madonna

Thursday
1:30 PM Mass - Swissvale Towers, Community Room
7:00 PM Ladies of Charity - Dattilo Hall

Saturday
12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

Next Sunday - Feast Day - Madonna del Castello
11:00 AM Mass - Madonna, then Eucharistic Procession followed by a banquet in Dattilo Hall

Stay connected with Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes through our new Catholic Community of Swissvale & Rankin's Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686

PRO LIFE CORNER: All human beings have a right to life, guilty people too. Most of the pro-life people I met, they're pro innocent life, but they're sure not pro guilty life. Is there a difference? Did Jesus come only to the innocent, or is there a way that we can stand in the dignity of all human life, even those among us who have done terrible crimes? —Sr. Helen Prejean

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES

Prayer: Gateway to the Spiritual Life-Archbishop Paul Coakley: Archbishop Coakley attended the University of Kansas where he completed his undergraduate studies in English and Classical Antiquities. After being ordained a priest in 1983, he served in the Wichita Diocese for 21 years. He was installed as bishop of Salina, Kansas by St. John Paul II in 2004 and appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the fourth archbishop of the archdiocese of Oklahoma City, where he has served since 2011. His episcopal motto is *Duc in Altum,* translated from Latin, means "Put out into the Deep." In this presentation, he reflects on his own journey, discussing the importance of prayer to the spiritual life. **Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: This week's second collection will be to support our Conference of the Society. Know that your greatly needed gift shows those whom they help that God loves them and that he is indeed their Father. Interested in joining the Society? Plan to attend our next meeting, Mon., Aug. 15th at 6:00p.m. in Bishop Dattillo Hall. For information on our parish conference, call 412- 519-3675.

Hearts AFIRE
Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception

Want to Grow in Holiness, but Too Busy? To transform your work, marriage, family, and life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin? In our hectic day and time, Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. **Join us Fri., Aug. 12, 7:00p.m.** in Dattilo Hall. Mrs. Heidi Potter (Fr. Adam's mother) has agreed to be our guest moderator. **Sun., Aug. 13** we will begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. **In weekly meetings, Sundays after 11:00a.m. Mass** at Madonna (Dattilo Hall) we'll share our insights within small groups, and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author/speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and liveable focus. If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for the 33 Days to Morning Glory Small-group Retreat. A book is required and can be purchased for $4 at the Lighthouse Kiosk in the back of the church. **Our consecration date will be Thurs., Sept. 15** with Fr. Adam Potter. For more information and to register call Nancy Bianculli 412-818 -1719.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP: Our next meeting is Thursday, August 11. For info. call Mike Matthysse, 412-241-1254.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE SHARING on the readings for the upcoming Sunday on **Wednesdays, 7:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.,** Madonna. Attend when you can. This informal sharing can deepen you faith and prayer life. Bible suggested. Facilitated by the Bible Study leaders. The regular Bible Study returns in the Fall.

Communion Ministers: Please remember to volunteer in the summer.

THE LADIES OF CHARITY will have their next meeting on Thurs., Aug. 4, 7:00 p.m. at Dattilo Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to the two new fourth degree Knights of Columbus: **Jeff McCafferty & Mike McGough,** and also to the new third degree Knights of Columbus: **Ed Kapsha & David Perla.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED in helping to choose the gifts that are distributed to parishioners during the year (e.g. rosaries and prayer books)? If so, please contact Deacon Ron at the parish office by Mon., Aug. 1st. There will be one or two meetings in August.

Interested in Becoming a deacon? The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified Catholic men into the Deacon Formation Program. Prospective applicants should be between 30 and 59 years old, in full communion with the Church, active in their faith, and hold at least a bachelor's degree. They should consult their pastor about submitting a nomination on their behalf. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 15. Applications without a pastor's nomination will not be considered. More information about the diaconate is posted on the diocesan web site, www.fiopiyy.oth. Questions may be directed to deacons@diopitt.org or 412-456.3124. Brochures are in the literature racks and on the tables.

Parish Festival-Aug. 4, 5 & 6, St. Bernadette, 245 Azalea Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. Food, games, and rides for children. Special entertainment each evening: Thurs., Aug. 4, 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.-Larry Cervi's East End Kids; 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.-The Barons; Fri., Aug. 5-Norm Nardini; Sat., Aug. 6-Dallas Marks. There also will be a yard sale and Bingo, and many games for adults. For more information call 412-373-0050.

Mass-Thurs., Aug. 4, 1:30 p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor.

Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass-Wed., Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m. Location changed-St. Mary Assumption, 2510 Middle Rd., Glenshaw, PA 15116; info. call 412-486-4100.

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS: The choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral. There are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are at St. John Capistran Church, Upper St. Clair. To schedule an audition time call Doris Anne, 412-456-3042 before August 15.

Madonna del Castello

Rest In Peace: JOE VELTRE, husband of Donna.

MADONNA COLLECTION

July 24 Offertory.....$2,625.00

ANNUAL FEAST DAY

Our annual Feast Day in Honor of Madonna del Castello will be **Sunday, August 7**. It's been our tradition for the last few years to have a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Swissvale. Those who are not able to process are asked to stay in church and pray. The procession will be followed by a banquet in the social hall. All are welcome.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s) at **Madonna del Castello Parish,** should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit the sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office or deposit in the mail slot.

Madonna del Castello Memorial/Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

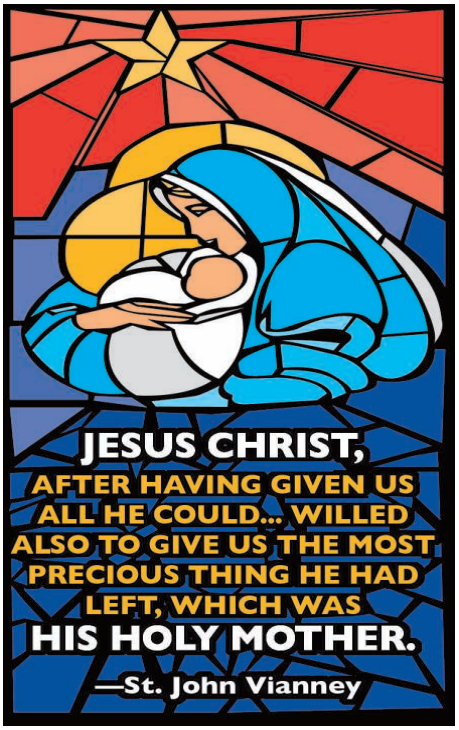
Altar Flowers	($50) _____	Altar Candles	($10)_____
Altar Bread	($25) _____	Tabernacle Lamp	($10)_____
Altar Wine	($25) _____	Complete Offering	($120)_____

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____

Phone _____



WORD OF GOD

THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK IN WORD OF GOD PARISH LITURGIES, we will use the Altar Wine in memory of **Tom Niemiec** from Greg & Julie Barbish.

IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the souls of **James E. Burke, Sr. & Ronna Burke,** parents of James E. Burke, Jr. who were buried recently from Word of God Parish. May their souls rest in peace with Christ.

Wedding Banns

III Paul R. Maenner Jr. & Jennifer L. Stepien

WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

July 24 Offertory.....$5,042.00

CANTERBURY CORNER GIFT SHOP is now closed for a Summer Break. If there are any special religious gift needs over the summer, please contact the parish office during business hours.

MEMORIAL OFFERING: Any or all of the gifts at **Word of God Parish** can be celebrated in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office, send through the mail or put it in the collection basket. You may request a particular week. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first-come/first served basis.

WORD OF GOD PARISH MEMORIAL OFFERING REQUEST FORM

I would like to offer:

ALTAR BREADS	$30_____	SANCTUARY LAMP	$ 5 ____
ALTAR WINE	$15_____	COMPLETE OFFERING	$60____
ALTAR CANDLES	$10_____		

IN MEMORY OF _____

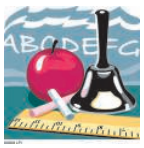
FROM _____

WEEK _____

PHONE _____

Child Protective Services Law: Report any acts of child abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.
Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235. Diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.
Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: Contact Kelly James at the parish office.

East Catholic School welcomes prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3 year old Preschool through the 8th grade to come join us and be a part of East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, PA. Registration for the 2016 -17 school year is open. Call the office at 412-351-5403 (8:30a.m.–2:00p.m.) to schedule a tour of the school, request info. or discuss registration requirements. Tour our campus and discover the wonderful educational opportunities available to your child. Meet parents, students, teachers and administration and see firsthand how East Catholic School offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment.



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Oakland Catholic H.S. Summer Sports & Enrichment Camps for girls in grades 3-8. These camps include: basketball, Morning Masterpiece, LEGO Mind Storm, Write Your Mind, and Girls Night Out. For details/registration visit oaklandcatholic.org; info. contact the admissions office, 412-682-6633, ex. 253, or ex. 267.

Polish Day-Kennywood Park, Tues., Aug. 2. Enjoy ethnic food, music, bake sale, and Fr. Miro's famous potato pancakes & pickles. Mass-3:20 p.m., then free dancing to Henny & the Versa J's; discounted tickets call Betty, 412-371-1827.

Disciple Night for Young Adults (ages 18-39)-Thurs., Aug. 4, 6:30p.m., St. Bernadette Church, Monroeville. You are invited to join us for Mass & dinner at the parish festival, and then a powerful live-streamed talk by evangelist and Albanian Catholic Luigj Perkaj. He will give his testimony on the pillar of conversion. His talk, "From Death to Life—A Story of Redemption" will include his powerful/inspirational story on how he came to know the Lord. For more info. & to RSVP, visit our Facebook page i.d. 9:16 Pittsburgh East or email us, id916pgheast@gmail.com. Cost is dinner at the festival.

CONCERT ON THE LAWN-Fri., Aug. 5, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m., St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill, PA 15235. Featured: woodwind ensemble of Bel Suono, Instrumentalists & vocals of favorite music; info. call 412-241-4722.

24th Annual Bob O'Connor Cookie Cruise-Wed., Aug. 17, 5:30p.m.-9:30p.m.—boat will sail at 7:30p.m. Includes picnic style buffet, dancing, and fireworks with all proceeds benefiting the Bob O'Connor Fdn. (honoring Bob's legacy of public service). Tickets: $40/person; for more info./tickets call Bob's daughter, Heidy Garth, 412-427-5235 or check www.boboccorfoundation.com.

St. Anthony School Programs Annual Dinner & Auction-Oct. 21, 5:30p.m., featuring Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and 2016 Spirit of St. Anthony Awardee. For reservations visitwww.stanthonykids.org, call 724-940-9020, or email events@stanthonykids.org.

CHECK www.masstimes.org to find the location of a church when you are on vacation.

Prayer for On Mission for The Church Alive!

Father of Mercy,
as we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!,
endow us with your gifts of
collaboration, courage and compassion.
Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church through vibrant parishes,
and effective ministries.
Raise up selfless, energetic leaders
to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.
May we, the Church of Pittsburgh
in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene,
Lawrence and Washington Counties
be sustained and strengthened by your grace. Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus. Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother, under the mantle of her love. Amen.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! With fewer priests and people, less participation in the Sacraments, what's ahead in the Diocese of Pittsburgh? With God, nothing is impossible. Through **On Mission for The Church Alive!** You can help shape what the future will look like. Attend one of the final summer sessions, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.: Tues., Aug. 2, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Green Tree; Tues., Aug. 9, St. Valentine, Bethel Park. The Aug. 9 session will be led by Bishop Zubik. Learn more at www.OnMissionChurchAlive.

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION-Sun., Oct. 2nd, 2:30 p.m., St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland. A reception will follow in Cathedral hall. Sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh **for couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during 2016**. Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant. If you would like to receive an invitation, call the parish office or drop a note in the collection basket by Mon., Aug.15.

Sales Counselors Needed: The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh has a full-time position open at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Monongahela. If you enjoy interacting with people and prefer working for a reputable organization, call or email to find out more; comprehensive benefits. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to careers@ccapgh.org or call Tom, 412-208-1174.

Full time Youth Minister/Religious Education Program Mananger at St. Sebastian Parish (North Hills). Send cover letter and resume to rkoslosky@saintsebastianparish.org by Aug. 17. No phone calls, please. Responsibilities: oversee parish Religious Education program; plan and develop youth retreats; provide catechetical and worship opportunities parish-wide and specifically for youth involved in annual CYM musical production and annual mission trip; assignments and responsibilities as required by the Pastor and parish Director of Faith Formation. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in theology, catechesis or related field; understanding of faith development, catechetical methodology, youth & family development; effective communications skills. Candidates must meet requirements set by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

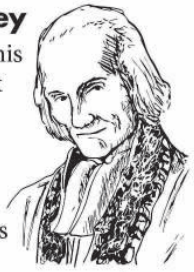
August 2016

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. John Vianney

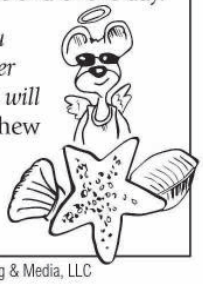


Difficulties with his studies almost cost St. John Vianney the priesthood. Ordained because of his goodness, he had a gift for reading souls. As the Curé (pastor) of Ars, France, he was faced with people who were indifferent to Christ and comfortable in their lifestyles. To remedy this, he fasted and prayed for hours daily. He often spent as many as sixteen hours a day hearing confessions. His spiritual insight and example reclaimed thousands of lapsed Catholics.

A source of grace

Prayer isn't a luxury—it's a vital source of grace and strength. Making time for daily prayer is especially important when we're busy. In the morning, commit your day to God's care and service. Whether something causes you worry, anger, or happiness, say a quick prayer. Thank God for his help at the end of the day.

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22).



You can make the world a better place

Each of us has the ability to make a difference in the world. In fact, for Catholics, acting for the common good is a requirement. "It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, #2239).

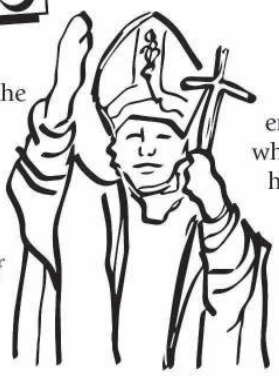
Be informed, be decisive, and be heard. Pope Francis said, "…good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." Government is meant to be a partnership between citizens and those they elect. Look past the newsy gossip about candidates and do your research of upcoming local, state, and national elections so you can make excellent, informed decisions in the voting booth.

Be the best at what you do. No matter what you do for a living, whether you feel your efforts make a difference or go unnoticed, always do your best. *"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men"* (Colossians 3:23). Our actions cannot be defined by others, but by what God asks of us and what we owe to ourselves.

Be active. When Jesus was among us, he comforted those who were sad, fed people who were hungry, gathered close friends, shared love, alleviated suffering. Do the same.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Is the pope infallible?



Jesus named St. Peter as the head of his Church, and promised to send an Advocate to guide the Church. *"The Advocate…will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you"* (John 14:26).

St. Peter's successor, the pope, is preserved from error by the Holy Spirit when he teaches by virtue of his supreme authority on a matter of faith and morals to the whole Church. That teaching, considered infallible, is then binding on the whole Church.

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We are happiest when God comes first

God's love for each of us is personal, individual, and never ending – and there is no lasting happiness without him. Yet without our intending, our relationship with God can fade into the background of a busy life. Try these tips for staying centered:

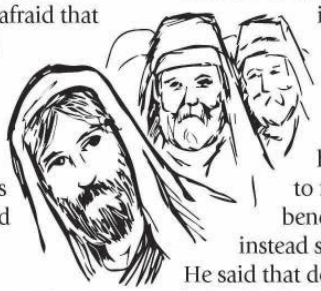
Make time with God a priority. Try not to skip devotions. For example, if you miss your morning prayer, make it up later in the day. If called away from your time with Scripture, pray a rosary later instead. Stay connected with the one who loves you most.

Attend Mass every Sunday and do whatever is necessary to receive Holy Communion. It is in the Liturgy that Jesus is truly present to us. Benefit from your time together.

Pay God first. It takes money to do God's work in the world and the top funding source for the Catholic Church's ministries is her generous people. Set aside a portion of every paycheck for charity just as you do for your rent or mortgage. Write that check first.

from Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness



Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.

As Christians, we must never succumb to pressure to do what is politically or socially correct at the expense of our spiritual beliefs and obligations. For example, there is a cultural value to "networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

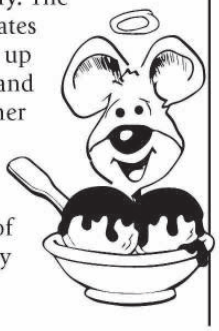
In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord (1st Century). Tradition says that Mt. Tabor was the site of the Transfiguration during which Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty. The Lord appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah, and a voice said, *"This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him"* (Matthew 17:5).

August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941). A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute as punishment for an escape attempt, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He and nine others were stripped, starved and killed by lethal injection.

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Although already a common belief, it was declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



Q & A What do we get from prayer?

What do we get from spending time with someone we love? Prayer is spending time with God, our beloved, and learning to receive, experience and return his love in a genuine relationship. There is nothing more lovely or fulfilling than God.

We are told to *"pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17), not because God needs our prayers, but because it's good for us. "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (*CCC*, #2559). However, prayer is about more than asking God for goodies.

In prayer, we thank God for his blessings, praise him for his goodness, and express sorrow for our sins. Through prayer, we find strength, peace, and comfort in difficult times.

In addition to God, prayer also connects us to each other. Intercessory prayer—praying for someone else—is powerful. Jesus responded in amazing ways to people who prayed for their friends (Mark 2:5, Matthew 15:28, Matthew 8:13). It starts with a personal relationship and prayer.

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